

FROM THE FIELD.

Topsail, Pa.

Our communion in the Highland church, Washington county, Pa., is now among the things of the past. We had large congregations, good order and good meeting, and taking all things into consideration, the representation of the members of our own congregation at the communion table was very good, and we are glad it was so. But yet we think it could have been a little better from this fact, (and it pained our heart to see it) we noticed two or three members of the church present that were not at the table. This, in my opinion, ought not so to be, for we are told that except we eat his flesh and drink his blood we have no life in us. May God help us all to not get weary on the way.

Bro. Samuel Murray, of Jefferson, Green County, Sister Mary Sterling and Sister Robinson of Masontown, Fayette co., Pa., were with us. Bro. Murray is one of the old soldiers of the cross who has been serving God these many years and is always willing to help in the good work, not only with his presence, but with his cheerful songs and earnest prayers. May God continue to bless him is my prayer. Sister Robison is young in years and perhaps young in the service of Christ, but seems much devoted and very earnest in the service of the Master with a bright prospect of becoming more and more useful in church work.

Sister Sterling is so well known among the churches, or to the readers of the EVANGELIST, at least, that it would be fruitless for me to say anything further. Only this, Sister Sterling, came over to help us by special invitation, and in her own language, did it gladly in order to discharge her duty. On Sunday morning, June 2nd, she preached for us to a very large and attentive congregation, which she held for about forty-five minutes, as it were, spellbound. She preaches splendidly, has a good voice for a sister, uses good and plain language, is well informed in the scriptures and is willing to work. Give her a call and satisfy yourself.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Eld. Forney at Portis, Kansas.

On the 31st of May, I left home enroute for Portis, Osborn County, Kansas, to attend communion, in the evening of June 1st, with the brethren in North Solomon church. The meeting was held in the M. E. church, in the town of Portis, and owing to rain and bad roads was not largely attended. Yet to the members it was a very enjoyable one. All present seemed to be happy.

On Sunday following, June 2, being the time appointed, one year ago for the Grove meeting at Eld. D. O. Brumbaugh's grove, as the rain was not over and the M. E. house was offered also for this service, the meeting was continued on Sunday and Sunday evening in town. The 11 o'clock service will no doubt be long remembered, as at the close of the service, I gave an invitation to all who were now ready to enter the Christian service to come forward and occupy the front seats. Six came forward; in the afternoon we went out to the riverside where prayer

was made and in the presence of quite an assembly all six were buried with Christ in baptism, and rose to walk in newness of life. May God bless them, and may they prove faithful to the Master is my prayer. In the evening we again tried to preach to a well filled house, and were treated by all very kindly.

The brethren here have had a hard time in the last two years, on account of the failure of crops, but this year, at this time the prospect could not be much better, and they are almost sure of a small grain crop.

Elder Brumbaugh and John Walters are the ministers in this church. Both are good, faithful brethren and have the encouragement of excellent brethren and sisters, and so the good cause moves along.

C. FORNEY.

June 3, 1889.

Bryan, Ohio.

On last Saturday evening we held our communion at this place. It was the first service of the kind ever held in Bryan. There were thirty-two communicants, and all seemed to enjoy the occasion very much. Some communed for the first time and expressed themselves highly pleased with the service. Hope they may live to enjoy many such meetings, which should always be made a feast to the soul. Our work here and at Prattville is in a healthy and thriving condition, and we feel encouraged. The Prattville brethren have their new church raised and will have it ready for dedication in about two months. We occasionally, in these new fields, have skirmishing on doctrinal lines, but we have always been able to put the enemy to flight by using 'the sword of the spirit.' It is the superiority of our doctrine which gives us prestige in new fields. Therefore, brethren, let us emphasize the advanced truths which we hold. The Lord will bless us in the work, and in the end we will have the satisfaction of knowing that we have 'shunned not to declare the whole gospel of Christ.'

A. M. RIDENOUR.

Philadelphia Items.

Sunday June 2nd, was a day of very peculiar experience with the Brethren church in this city. We recently purchased a church property, and on the above date we took formal possession of it, or held our first service in it. This in itself, was of course an occasion of great rejoicing with us. (Such as worshipped with us at Fourth and York streets, amid the tumult of the rabble of the street will know what I mean by rejoicing.) But the alloy of grief which came from the flood-stricken district of Johnstown wrought a great conflict of the emotions so that we scarcely knew whether to weep for joy or grief. We do not have a magnificent church such as are generally seen in great cities. On the contrary, we have a very humble building, (frame) about 32x50 feet with a seating capacity of about three hundred, all told, located on Tenth St., below Dauphin. While this is small compared with our surroundings, we are happy with this much and feel to say in keeping with the pastors discourse the Lord has been good to us. The property is not paid for and it would be in bad taste to make any ap-

peal for help at this time with the want and woe that exists in our state, but we shall thankfully receive all subscriptions, especially such as have been promised heretofore.

The church was decorated with plants and flowers and the services conducted by Elder J. D. McFaden, assisted by Elder Christner and Bro. Roberts. All the services of the day were well attended and a deep interest manifested. We passed resolutions of sympathy and lifted a collection for our Johnstown brethren, and hope that our example may be followed by every Brethren church in the land. As soon as we have more of the particulars of the devastation I may have more to say about this matter.

JACOB C. CASSEL.

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Almena, Michigan.

After preaching on Sabbath morning we had the pleasure of going to the river and baptizing four that were tired of sin. In the evening the laying on of hands was performed. I preached to a good congregation. We were made to rejoice to lead another one down into the water to walk in the newness of life. He once belonged to the Salvation Army and had preached for them. He will make quite a useful man in the church. We feel sad over the loss of our wife, but our loss we feel is her eternal gain. We feel that we have a greater work to do now than ever. Pray for us that we may not shun to declare the gospel and at last meet all around our Father's throne.

H. H. SNYDER.

The Congregation at Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

While engaged in a leisure conversation with Eld. H. G. Ullery, of Covington, Ohio, the following information upon the history of the Pleasant Hill Congregation was obtained.

The chief figure of the organization was Eld. John Cadwalader. He migrated from Tennessee or Kentucky to that part of Ohio. He was uneducated, as a minister, in the elements that constitute a college course, or even in good common school advantages, but he was thoroughly Biblical. The Bible was his all. He commenced to preach and his discourses were made up of gospel truth. This being presented in the natural eloquence which he was endowed with, made his preaching very acceptable. Men were converted, and the old routine of questions, in the water, before baptism, was rejected. His success provoked jealous feeling, and after a time, he was called to account. Peter Nead, then the power of the valley, came to the council with the minutes in his pocket, and Cadwalader came with his gospel in his hand. Proceedings were opened, and Nead plead the minutes, while Cadwalader held up the gospel. After a long discussion, Nead exclaimed, 'He still sticks to the book.' Then Nead got up and left the house, calling upon all who were going with him to follow. He went to a brother's house and expelled Cadwalader and all who remained with him in the house. This was the origin of the Pleasant Hill church. After that it passed

through periods of sunshine and clouds, part of the time almost absorbed by arrangements, in the old church and again independent, until it became a part of the Brethren. It is now in a flourishing condition.

Philadelphia, Pa.

WHEREAS, The Brethren Church of Philadelphia has learned of the awful calamity by flood and flame that has recently befallen the people of the valley of the Conemaugh (of Johnstown, Conemaugh, Cambria City and sister towns) and,

WHEREAS, many of our brethren of these places have doubtless lost their living by the said calamity and others been rendered homeless and destitute; therefore,

Resolved, That we express our heartfelt sympathy and sorrow for these afflicted and destitute people and particularly for our brethren, toward whom our hearts reach out with especial sympathy and love.

Resolved, That as a measure of alleviating to some extent the suffering of our brethren and others we take up a collection of money, groceries and clothing and forward the same to them at once.

Resolved, That brethren J. D. McFaden, J. C. Cassel and E. E. Roberts be delegated to attend to this work and that these resolutions be published in THE BRETHREN EVANGELIST and copies of them sent to the afflicted churches.

These resolutions were adopted at the Sunday evening service of our church, June 2, 1889.

WM. KOLB, Jr., Sec.

The Brethren Pub. House Subscription to Repair the Johnstown Church.

We, the undersigned agree to pay the Brethren Pub. House, the sums set opposite our several names to repair the Johnstown Church:

NAMES.	Amount.
Ashland City Church, pledged by A. L. Garber, pastor, and David Bailey, Treasurer,	\$25.00
Who will be the next person or church to add to this list.	

OUR CHURCH.

The Fairview church recently elected two new ministers.

Bro. S. H. Bashor is now holding a few meetings at Glenford, Ohio.

Bro. Richard Arnold returned from his visit to this place to his home in Kansas, last week.

Bro. W. L. Stahl filled the appointments at Ankenytown and North Liberty, Ohio, last Lord's Day.

Read the appeal from Bro. J. B. Rittgers, of Johnstown, and do all you can to help the brethren.

Bro. E. Mason preached a funeral sermon of a sister, on Saturday afternoon last, at Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

Brother, if you have not paid your subscription this year send it along at once. We need the money now.

We notice that two names who have been on our subscription list are in the record of the Johnstown dead.

Sister Mary A. Leedy and her two daughters, Sophronia and Jennie, send us \$3.00 for the College. Thank you.

A full board of Trustees for Ashland University, according to the Constitution, were elected at the Convention.

The Brethren at Pleasant Hill are now experiencing a constant revival. Eight or ten came out last week before and during the convention.

Please announce that there will be a communion held on Monday evening, July 1, 1889, at the Maple Grove Brethren church of Eaton, Ind. Bro. W. W. Summers will be present.—G. W. Rench.

We are looking for the report of the Ohio Convention to publish next week. But the Secretary may not get it here in time.

The Cincinnati Enquirer says, 'Peter Cobaugh of Kernville has a few wet dry goods left.' We are glad you are alive to own even a few, Bro. Cobaugh.

We know nothing about the circumstances of our Brethren at Conemaugh, Mineral Point, and South Fork. When we have some information from them it will be published.

Now is a good time to pay your subscription for this year, if you have not already done so. If your mark is 'JAN. '89,' it means you have not paid for this year, so send it along at once.

My hearing is not improving very much yet. My health otherwise is getting better. I have quit preaching till my hearing gets better. A deaf man cannot preach very well.—Noah Heeter.

The accounts of the Johnstown disaster are heart-rendering and fascinating at the same time. The stories of the mourning and the long rows of dead, distress and fainting of hearts causes one to turn away from the scene, yet the reader can not.

After the paper was printed last week, we received a notice from Bro. Swihart, stating that there would be a communion at College Corners Brethren church, on the evening of the 10th. The floods demoralized the mail service badly last week.

The Brethren church at Jones Mills, Pa., will have a communion service on the evening of June 15th. Members of adjoining congregations and especially isolated members of the Brethren church are invited. Meeting a few days previous. By order of the church.—W. A. Harman.

On Monday evening the 3rd of June, we commence a protracted meeting in St. Joe County, four miles north of Tea Garden. We have no brethren or sisters there and none of the brethren have visited that part of the country. What the result will be will be for the future to tell.—J. H. Palmer.

Bro. I. D. Bowman left on Thursday of last week, for Virginia and Maryland. He will be absent two weeks. On his return he will take up pastoral work in earnest, as he has now engaged to serve the Louisville church every alternate Lord's Day. This will make a busy pastoral life for him.

Mrs. C. P. Foster recently changed her address from La Grange, Oregon, to Lastine, Wallowa co., Oregon. Sister Foster recently organized a Helping Hand Society, of which she is now agent, to aid the College. 'Helping Hand' workers will now please address their agent, Mrs. C. P. Foster, Wallowa Co., Oregon.

The Convention at Pleasant Hill passed off about as such conventions in the past did. The only diversion was the passage of a few queries sent in from churches, which seemed akin to annual meeting methods. One was on the soul subject. Those for it voted, while those who were not in favor refrained from voting at all. A good many motions were passed which will fall asleep and never awake, as usual in the past, and some work was done that will yield fruit. About two-thirds of the churches of the State were represented.

Strive for the higher life as a follower of Christ. Contentment with present attainments is sure to be followed with a low state of piety.

A pure, single, and stable spirit is not distracted, though it be employed in many works; for that it doeth all to the honor of God, and being at rest within, seeketh not itself in anything it doth.